

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 18, 2018

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

18.006 Order to Appropriate Community Preservation Act Funds for Open Space Acquisition

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a CPA application for purchase of five open space parcels totaling 63 acres in the Mineral Hills and Rocky Hill Greenway;

WHEREAS, the 'Mining Heritage' project will provide opportunities for a cultural and geological outdoor classroom, in what may be Northampton's last example of an 18th century mine, and the Rocky Hill Greenway will add to a valuable wildlife and plant habitat linkage between the Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary and Connecticut River floodplain;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-use Trail Plan to protect open space, provide for passive recreation, and protect heritage landscapes;

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2017, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$125,412 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$125,412 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Priority Open Spaces Acquisition Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$111,000 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931), and \$14,412 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).